GREENWOOD CITIZENS' COUNCIL

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RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY CITIZENS' COUNCIL OF GREENWOOD, MISSISSIPPI

The Federal Government through its Department of Health, Education and Welfare has decreed that in order to receive federal money school boards must sign an agreement to integrate all of their schools.

The matter of signing this agreement is not the simple issue it is being represented as being. We direct your attention to the following facts with reference to it:

1. The school board must agree with the federal bureau on a detailed specific plan for integrating all of its schools; and the school board must then sign a binding contract enforceable in court to carry out this specific plan for the integration of its schools.

2. The specific plan for integrating the schools must be satisfactory to the federal bureau and must be agreed to by it. Surely, by this time, even our most trusting citizens must be aware of what this will mean.

3. The school board must agree with the federal bureau on specific methods of giving wide publicity to the terms of the agreed school integration contract so that all prospective patrons will be aware of these terms.

4. The school board must put the integration plan in operation.

5. The school board must further contract to keep such records and to submit to the federal bureau such compliance reports as the bureau specifies. It must also agree that all of its records and facilities will be open to inspection by the bureau's branch which is being established for the sole purpose of investigating compliance with such school integration contracts.

6. Even then, the school integration plan is not final since by the contract the federal bureau reserves the right from time to time to redetermine whether the integration plan is adequate to accomplish the complete integration of all schools.

7. If the board violates any terms of the integration agreement, the United States can enforce in court the terms of this voluntary agreement.

We urge our citizens to use their influence to see to it that neither local school boards nor the State Board of Education signs any such foolish contract with the federal government.

By signing such contract, we Mississippians for money would be selling the best interests of the white children of this State, violating the principles we have proclaimed over and over again, and laying the foundation for the destruction of our public schools.

If the schools of this state are to be integrated and are to receive federal money, then any thinking citizen will realize it is better that this be done by a court decree rather than by a voluntary contract surrendering our schools to the complete domination of a federal bureau which reserves the right from time to time to change the rules as suits its pleasure.

"That which is taken away, may be lawfully recovered; that which is bartered and sold, is irretrieveably lost."